

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

AUGUST 5, 1842.

Ordered to be printed.—To accompany bill H. R. 176.

Mr. BATES submitted the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Jared Gossage, report :*

The name of Jared Gossage was inscribed on the pension-roll in 1815, as entitled to a pension for total disability, and his pension was paid him to September 4, 1819. After the law of March 3, 1819, was passed, requiring invalid pensioners, except in certain cases, to furnish biennially certificates of the continuance of their disability and the degree of it, Gossage did not call for his pension until January 28, 1833; when, upon the production of the requisite certificates of the continuance of his disability, *in a diminished degree*, a pension was paid him for a three fourth disability until he died. The administrator upon his estate now applies for the intermediate pension from September 4, 1819, to January 28, 1833. He states that Gossage lost his certificate, and, therefore, did not apply for his pension. Whatever might have been the cause of his neglect in this respect, the committee are not inclined, in behalf of the *representatives* of a deceased pensioner, to go beyond the existing provisions of law for the payment to them of an arrear of pension actually due the pensioner at the time of his death. Pensions are granted for the *personal* relief and comfort of the pensioner. Moreover, if his legal representatives are admitted to a revision of his claims, there will be scarcely limit or end to legislation upon the subject. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the bill for the relief of Jared Gossage be indefinitely postponed.

Thomas Allen, print.

